GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:401
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2002
MISCONDUCT BY AN IAS OFFICER
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `IAS officers tender apology to House` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated May 28, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether there is a provision in the CCS (Conduct) rules that non-replying to letters of MPs or showing discourtesy to them is a serious misconduct; and

(e) if so, the action taken/propose to be taken against such officers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b)&(c): The news item relate to conduct of IAS officers of the AGMUT cadre serving in connection with the affairs of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the disciplinary Authority in respect of members of All India Services serving in the AGMUT cadre.

(d): Members of All India Services are governed by the All India Services (Conduct) Rules 1968 and not the CCS(Conduct) Rules Though the rules do not contain any specific provision regarding non-replying of letters of MPs, Central Government have issued instructions from time to time emphasizing the need for observance of proper procedure in regard to dealings with Members of Parliament/State Legislatures which inter-alia contains provisions relating to prompt replies to communications from Members of Parliament.

(e): It is for the Ministry of Home Affairs, as the Disciplinary Authority, to examine the matter and take appropriate action against the erring officers.